

Firstly, Claim 1 now incorporates the features of claim 2. The claimed fax machine is designed to be:

connected to an communicate with other fax machines;

connected to a computer network of the internet type through which it can also be connected to and communicate with other fax machines;

provided with the telephone and computer addresses of the other fax machines and to process these addresses, said provision possibly occurring during a communication;

and to be provided to enter the electronic address of a corresponding fax machine into the record when receiving a fax transmitted from a corresponding fax machine across the computer network.

Applicant urges that Suzuki does not teach or suggest the current invention. Suzuki describes a machine that is designed to be connected to a telephone network or a computer network and comprises a conversion table composed of the elements for identifying the telephone number and the IP address. In the process as shown in Figure 4 of Suzuki, when the user issues a command for starting the operation of the transmission and when the inputted telephone number is not registered in the table, the transmitting facsimile device executes a pre-transmission procedure. According to this procedure, the information composed of the telephone number and the address is added to the telephone conversion table. The table is thus updated in Suzuki.

Suzuki nowhere teaches or suggests updating the table when the fax machine receives a fax transmitted from a corresponding fax machine across a computer network. As shown at

Figure 5 of Suzuki, the processing performed at the time of reception by a machine does not include the updating of the conversion table.

In fact, insofar as the object to Suzuki is to transfer the communication from the telephone network to the computer network, the operation of searching the for the address is performed only at the start of the transmitting procedure.

The object of the present invention being to store information concerning the electronic address of the corresponding fax machines, it enters the electronic address of the corresponding fax machines into the record upon reception of an e-mail. No such provision is taught or suggested in Suzuki. Applicant believes that claim 1 is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Since claims 2 to 7 ultimately depend from claim 1 Applicant believes that the rejections are moot and respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

It is believed that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at ecr@gtlaw.com.

AUTHORIZATION

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No additional fee is believed to be necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Fax machine (14) designed to be connected to a telephone network (100) and to communicate with a corresponding fax machines (15) across a computer network of the Internet type (101), the fax machines (14,15) each having an electronic address on the aforesaid computer network (101), characterized by the fact that it has memory means (10) for storing a record (11) of the fax machine communications with the corresponding fax machines, containing the electronic addresses of the aforesaid corresponding fax machines, means (9) for managing the record (11), for extracting the electronic addresses and associating them with the corresponding fax machines and means for asking a corresponding fax machine (15) for its electronic address, during a communication with the aforesaid corresponding fax machine (15) across the telephone network (100), the aforesaid means for managing the record being adapted for entering the aforesaid electronic address of the corresponding fax machine (15) into the record (11), and in which means (1,2) being provided to receive a fax transmitted from a corresponding fax machine (15) across the aforesaid computer network (101) and associated with the electronic address on the computer network of the said corresponding fax machine (15), the means (9) for managing the record (11) are organized, upon the receipt of the fax, to enter the electronic address of the aforesaid corresponding fax machine(15) into the record (11).